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North Dakota Department of Health Announces Winner of the 2009 Radon Poster Contest

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health is proud to announce that the 2009 North Dakota State Radon Poster Contest Winner is Bostin Svihovec from Rita Murphy Elementary School in Bismarck. Bostin's teacher is Ms. Kristin Natwick.

Each year, the North Dakota Department of Health invites fifth graders from around the state to participate in the radon poster contest. The classes that participate receive educational information about radon and its health effects. Each student then creates a poster focusing on topics ranging from describing radon, where radon is found, the health effects of radon, how to test for radon and what can be done if radon is found in a home.

"This year, the voting was a little different than in the past, because we asked the public to vote for the winner," said Justin Otto, Radon Program coordinator for the North Dakota Department of Health. "We received more than 400 votes from the public, and Bostin was our winner with a great poster stressing the importance of testing for radon."

A health department employee visited each participating class and presented awards to all the kids who submitted a poster. Students also received free radon testing kits.

"The North Dakota Department of Health would like to congratulate Bostin and all the students who submitted posters, and also the teachers and health professionals for their efforts to help promote awareness of radon in North Dakota," Otto said.

To see a picture of the winning poster, visit www.ndhealth.gov and click on "Radon Poster Contest Winners." For more information, contact Justin Otto, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.5188 or jotto@nd.gov.

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